# **Public Safety**

#### **Divisions/Stations**

#### Which District do I live in?

1st District 1 / Rockville

1451 Seven Locks Road

Rockville Maryland 20854

240-773-6070

2<sup>nd</sup> District 2/ Bethesda

7359 Wisconsin Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20814

301-652-9200

## **Neighborhood Watch Training**

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the community we serve.

The training consists of a three-hour session one evening a week, for three weeks. The training will provide a history of Neighborhood Watch as well as create awareness, help to organize citizens, teach you how to coordinate with law enforcement, identify concerns, issues and problems, and develop strategies. For more information go to:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmpl.asp?url=/content/Pol/districts/FSB/2d/community services.asp and scroll down to Neighborhood Watch.

# **Home Security Surveys**

This is a free service through the Montgomery County Police Department. An officer will come to your residence and provide crime prevention recommendations on securing your home based on crime patterns and/or trends.

If your community is interested in having this training or surveys, please contact Officer Matthis at 301-657-0119 or 240-876-1277.

#### **Cell Phones for Seniors**

The 2nd District is offering cell phones to senior citizens. **The cell phone will allow the caller to call 911 only.** 

Terry Edwards, a volunteer, will be distributing the cell phones at the 2nd District Station by appointment only. Terry Edwards can be reached at (301) 652-9200 to schedule an appointment.

The 2nd District will continue to collect cell phones and there are donation receipt forms available. If anyone has any questions regarding the program, please contact Officer Dana Matthis at (301) 657-0119 or go to:

 $\underline{http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmpl.asp?url=/content/Pol/districts/FSB/2d/cellphones.}$  asp

#### **Senior Forum- Free Movie**

Join Officers Dana Matthis for a morning of safety information, door prizes and a *FREE* movie. This program is sponsored by the Montgomery County Police, P&G Theaters and Westfield Montgomery Mall.

Location: P&G Theaters Westfield at Montgomery, 7101 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, Maryland

Time: 9:30 a.m.

For more information go to:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmpl.asp?url=/content/POL/districts/chief/communityservices/seniorforum.asp

### **Red Light Enforcement Program**

- Enforcement Cameras operate 24 hrs a day/7 days a week
- Registered owner receives a \$75.00 civil citation
- Payments may be made online
- No points will be issued against the vehicle owner's driving record (similar to a parking ticket)
- Insurance companies cannot consider the ticket in calculating insurance rates
- Failure to pay fines will result in one's inability to renew the vehicle registration

Citizen requests for additional red light camera locations may be submitted to the Police Department at <a href="mailto:mcpd.redlight@montgomerycountymd.gov">mcpd.redlight@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

### Joint County Gang Prevention Task Force

Though the formal work of the Joint County Gang Prevention Task Force has now been completed. The report and executive summary can be found at <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/GangTF/index.asp">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/GangTF/index.asp</a>. The work of the Task Force will continue as the recommendations are implemented.

Gang activity and gang-related violence is on the increase in the Washington metropolitan region and no community is immune to it. It's a community-wide issue—not just a law enforcement or a school issue. To learn more, please contact: <a href="mailto:gangtaskforce@montgomerycountymd.gov">gangtaskforce@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

### **Anti Graffiti Program**

Graffiti Abatement Partners, Inc. (GRAB) is a private organization that partners with the County to provide graffiti clean up. GRAB does not remove graffiti from private property or on public utility boxes, but can investigate and report the incident. The GRAB Director will schedule Alternate Community Service workers to clean-up or paint-over graffiti.

If you see graffiti on our County traffic signs, you can report it to our Traffic Engineering Operations Section at 240-777-6000 or at <a href="mailto:trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov">trafficops@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>. These signs are delicate and therefore the County would prefer to clean them.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Community Outreach Program in the Director's Office of the Department of Transportation at 240-777-7155 or via email at <a href="mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov">mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

## **Project Lifesaver**

Project Lifesaver is a proactive response by the Montgomery County Department of Police to identify those individuals within the community who have a propensity to wander and not be able to return home. Once identified, these individuals are equipped with a traceable bracelet so that in the event they wander police, using specialized equipment, can find them in a short amount of time. This program has been implemented in 554 jurisdictions in 41 states across the country. There have been over 1,500 searches with an average of 22 minutes and a 100% success rate. For more information go to:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmpl.asp?url=/content/POL/districts/chief/communitys
ervices/ProjectLifesaver.asp